

Bank Street Tuesday Evng. 16/12

My Dear Doctor, I have your letter, of Thursday, & at your request, said ran some more last words, but I fear my arrangements at Buff. will not answer your purpose - I propose leaving this for Albany, (via Housatonic R.R. &c.) on Saturday Mornng. at Day light! 1/2 p. 6 - I shall stay the Sunday there, & set off for Buff. on Monday Mornng. I shall probably be about a week there, & then set off on my tour thro' the Provinces - It is not likely that I shall return again to Buff. & I shall most likely part with Mr. T. at Montreal & make my way straight home, leaving him to go back to Buff. & to join me here a Month afterwards - Say, by the 1 March - This is our plan, at present, & if you can see how you can use me, under such Circumstances, do it freely - And now of my Matters - C.H. have rec'd. a bill of lading of Curtis' Box, from Petersburg - It is on board of a Schooner, & I must outlive the awful Storm of yesterday - To lose plants by fire, & water, would be too hard a lot - Shott has sent me a very kind letter - He proposes to ship me a lot of his plants when the Mavzer opens - Sartwell also, writes very kindly - He invites me to his house to pick out his Dupl. &c. Poor fellow he is brought low in the world, he says, as to Money Matters - Of course I am not going - He says further "I have been collecting Carices from different Parts of the Country, for a Year or two past, & mean to put up some sets in Port Folio form, under the title of "Carices Americanae" a H. R. Sartwell" & request

my cat & dog at Buff. will be - Care of W. A. Thompson Esq., but I do not expect to be there above a Week or so -

"You to wait till my work is completed, when I will send you
"a copy - The plan was suggested to me by Mr. Tuckerman,
"because, as he said, I could put up better Carices than any
"one else - I sent him some fine Specimens, & he probably
"thought I could make everything in the Carex way, good &
"nice" - I hope this will not hurt Knieskern, as I dare
say Sartwell's plants will be "good & nice" - Mr. Olney has
kindly sent me a large bundle of specimens - the recent ones
very nice - the earlier (of course retro. ones) very so so - Under
the name of Polygonum pennsylv. he sends me my Bellows Falls
mount. plant! Alas! for poor B. F. Mt. & the fl. of N. H.
He also sends me, as ^(I think) Solidago ulmifolia, the plant of which
I found a single Spec. on the Hoboken Salt Marshes, &
which you called S. elliptica. Ait. Of course, I speak
from mere recollection, in both cases - You have my Polyg.
I can compare what he sends, the Solid. you must compare
with your Book - I am writing to thank Mr. Olney, & shall
beg him to send you both of these plants - They must both
be done up in "the Book" - Liriodendron & Thaspium must be done
over again - They cannot remain as they do in the flora - L. aureum
& L. cord. are congeners - I do not know L. purp. I cannot say
any thing about it - Make the two Saniculae clear - One has
long diverging ^{styles} & the other so short that they are hardly
distinguishable from the bristles on the fruit - Besides this there
are popular Char! in the leaves - One with opposite leaves &
Cartilag. Margins &c. - Also I pray you look patiently at my
views of aspid. thelyp. & A. nov. eb. The former has a rigid frond
of this shape  with the margins of the pinnae introflexed over the
Sori as in Pteris, the N. eb. has a more delicate texture & lancoolate
outline  caused by the gradual shortening of the lower pinnae -

However, I must not let the Sori in this Spec. the pinnae are never
retracted on the margin - The fronds are commonly all fertile, but
a thelyp. generally grows in a bunch of barren fronds, of which the
pinnae are quite obtuse, not sharp, as in a thelyp. No. 10. I
write all this, from mere memory without Spec. before me, but
I can compare them - There is a plant which comes from the
South. of Ala. which I think distinct from either, most like to
be Nov. eb. You will not come at it, have ever in "the Book" - I
find no difference between Kalericia Penns. & K. Trinei, except
the long slender panicle of the former - I think them one plant.
Larson spent an hour with me, very kindly, last week - He
sent a letter from Knieskern, offering to send me plants, &
a list of my desiderata! - Save the mark! - I wrote him
in reply that I might almost send him a flora of the U.S. but
said in general, that what he might have in abundance, w.
be acceptably particularly fine barren plants - A package
arrived yesterday, from friend Broad-brim, the
latter very courteous informing me that the former contained
some plants, which will I hope be worth thy accepting -
The exact number! One sees the Silver
some bristles, & dark coat in every word of it - However, between you
& me, they are a very poor lot, & the best thing about them is the
kindness of friend B. B. Smith - As I had a fire going, I summarily
disposed of a good many of them, reducing the number far below 254,
of which I keep, I design the greatest part, by & bye, for your "report
trade" for which they will do, mixed up with better things, but they
will not suit the "home market" at all - Friend Smith's knowledge
of plants is very small, or he cannot make the kind of errors he does
with his plants - He had a sort of popular, technical knowledge of many
species - He sends, as P. ambigua - Nutt. that very thread like Polygala
which near Wye's Cove - I believe it is not P. verticil. & I dare say
which must therefore be looked for the Book - I hope you have stirred
up Dr. Schumacher & Hale, with an application on my behalf - What of Mead
of Illinois? Do you correspond with him? By the way, look in your genus

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I am going down river tomorrow to spend my hour
at the College with Jerry - He kindly said he would
pick me out the 2 best of those who had been